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CASEY JONES.

I AM THE
UJIGAMI.

AND I
AM YOUR
DEATH!

HEY! YOU MUST
BE THE GUY ON
THAT KILLIN' SPREE
ALL OVER THE CITY!
WE'VE BEEN LOOKIN'
FOR YA!

HANG ON!
CAN WE TAKE
ONE SECOND
TO TALK THIS
OVER?!

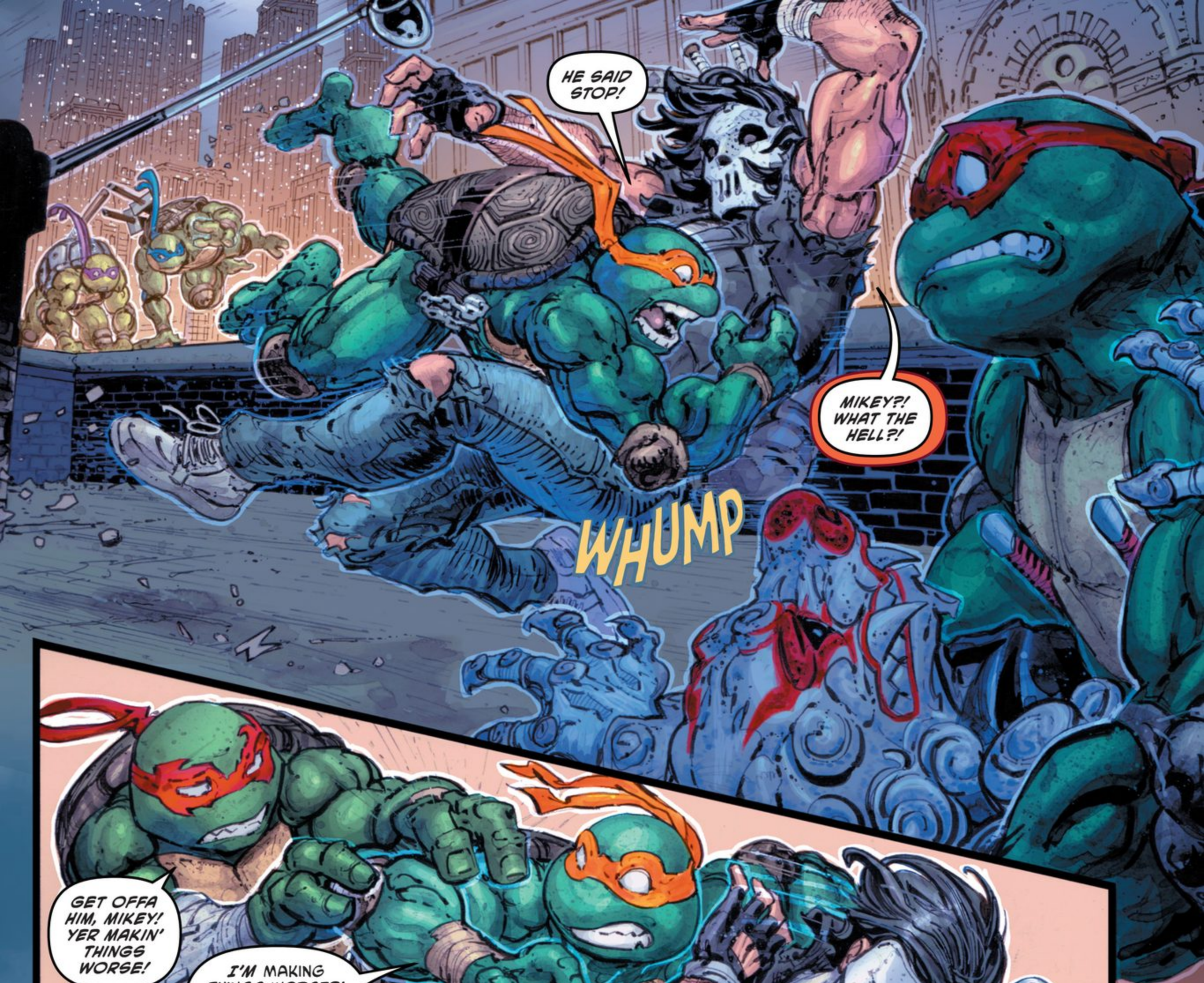
SLASH!

RAPH!

GFF! THERE'S
NOTHING TO TALK
ABOUT, RAPHAEL!
YOUR FATE IS
YOUR FATE!

I GOT 'IM,
BRO! JUST
HOLD 'IM
STILL!

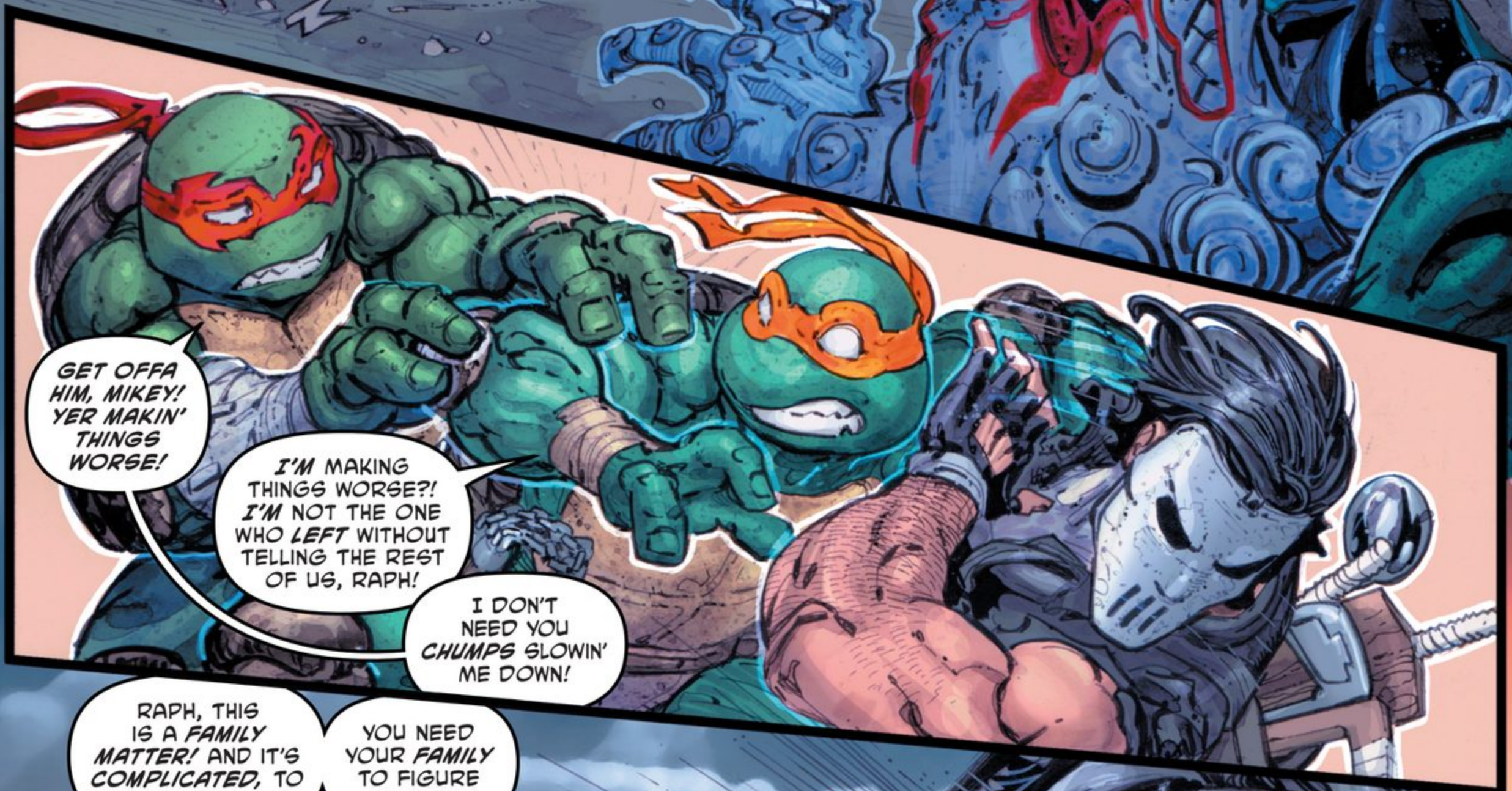
NO,
CASEY!
STOP!



HE SAID
STOP!

MIKEY?!
WHAT THE
HELL?!

WHUMP



GET OFFA
HIM, MIKEY!
YER MAKIN'
THINGS
WORSE!

I'M MAKING
THINGS WORSE?!
I'M NOT THE ONE
WHO LEFT WITHOUT
TELLING THE REST
OF US, RAPH!

I DON'T
NEED YOU
CHUMPS SLOWIN'
ME DOWN!

RAPH, THIS
IS A FAMILY
MATTER! AND IT'S
COMPLICATED, TO
SAY THE LEAST!

YOU NEED
YOUR FAMILY
TO FIGURE
IT OUT!

YOU KNOW
HE'S RIGHT,
RAPH!



HMPH.
MAYBE YOU
SORTA KINDA
GOT A POINT,
DONNIE.

DID I NOT
JUST MAKE THE
EXACT SAME
POINT?!

I SEE HOW IT IS. WHEN
THE BRAINY ONE SAYS
IT, EVERYBODY LISTENS.
BUT WHEN IT'S THE
CUTE ONE...



WOULD
SOMEONE MIND
EXPLAININ'
WHAT THE
HELL'S GOIN'
ON?!



FATHER, YOU CAN'T POSSIBLY BELIEVE THAT CASEY OF ALL PEOPLE WOULD HURT ONE OF US?

IT'S ME. FATHER THINKS CASEY'S GONNA KILL ME.

WHOA, WHOA, WHOA!

WHAT ARE YOU SAYIN'?! AND WHY'RE YOU GUYS CALLIN' THAT MASKED FREAK--



IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME, CASEY JONES.

SPLINTER... YOU'RE ALIVE?!

B-BUT HOW?

UM, CASEY? I THINK YOU SHOULD PROBABLY GO...



YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN A LOYAL ALLY TO OUR FAMILY, CASEY--

--SO I CANNOT TELL YOU HOW MUCH THIS PAINS ME!



HOLY--

SERIOUSLY, CASEY! RUN!

DON'T EVEN KNOW THE MEANIN' OF THE WORD!



YOU STAY AND EITHER HE KILLS YOU OR YOU KILL HIM! EITHER WAY, *SOMEBODY* I CARE ABOUT GETS HURT! SO PLEASE, BRO, SCRAM!

...

FINE.

PSH. WHEN THE GRUMPY ONE SAYS IT, HE LISTENS. BUT WHEN IT'S THE CUTE ONE...

I UNDERSTAND HOW DIFFICULT THIS IS FOR YOU, MY SONS! BUT AS YOUR FATHER, I ASK FOR YOUR TRUST!

CASEY'S LIKE A BROTHER TO ME, FATHER. TO ALL OF US. I'VE BEEN THINKIN' ABOUT IT, AND...

LOOK, IF HE, UM... DOES WHAT YOU SAY HE'S GONNA DO IN THE FUTURE? I GOTTA TRUST THAT HE'LL HAVE A GOOD REASON.

HMPH. THEN AS YOUR MASTER, I DEMAND YOUR OBEDIENCE!

STAND DOWN, STUDENTS!

I DO NOT WISH TO HURT YOU!

WITH ALL *DUE RESPECT*, MASTER SPLINTER...

KIAK

KIANK

KLANG

THUNK

...WE DON'T WANT TO HURT YOU, EITHER.

LOOK AT US. NOBODY WANTS TO MAKE THE FIRST MOVE. NOT EVEN THE BOSSY ONE.

GUESS I'M NOT JUST THE CUTE ONE...



...I'M THE
IMPULSIVE
ONE, TOO.

SORRY
ABOUT THIS,
FATHER!

HWOK

WHOA!

HEY!

MY LESSON
ABOUT
BALANCE...

...DID
NONE OF
YOU...

...PAY
ATTENTION...

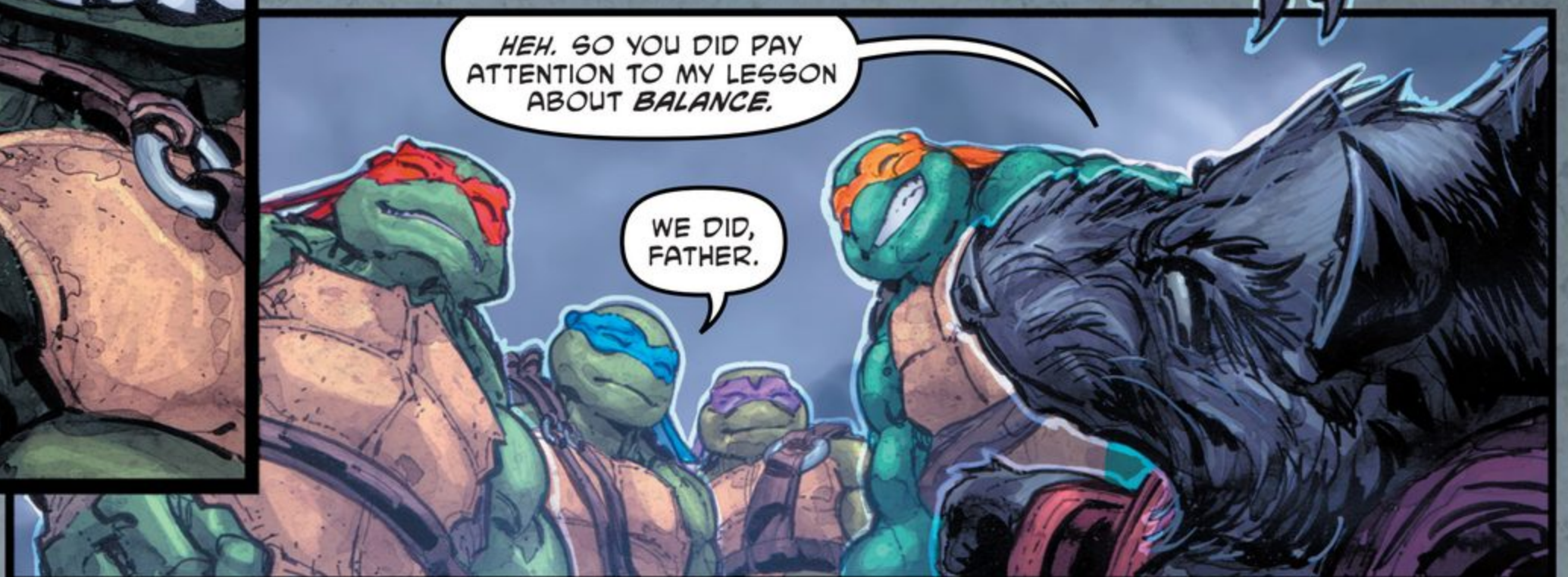
AS AM
I, SON!

...TO MY
LESSON ABOUT
BALANCE?

WHUMP

MIKEY,
STAY DOWN.

NHH...
WHY?





ENOUGH WITH
THIS *UJIGAMI*
NONSENSE, ALL
RIGHT?! NO MORE
KILLING!

IT WAS
NEVER ABOUT
THE KILLING,
RAPHAEL.

I MADE A
PROMISE TO
YOUR MOTHER,
AND I INTEND
TO *FULLFILL* IT.

AM I NOT
A *MASTER NINJA*,
MICHELANGELO?

THE WORLD IS
DANGEROUS, MY
SONS! OUR FAMILY HAS
MANY ENEMIES! UNTIL
I'VE DEALT WITH THEM
ALL, I'M SENDING YOU
SOMEPLACE SAFE!

FATHER,
HAVE YOU
LOST YOUR
DAMN--

NNHHH...

SHINIGAMI'S
HYPNO
STONES?
HOW--

WH-WHAT
IS...

I GOT HYPNOTIZED
BY SHINIGAMI
BEFORE, BUT THIS
FEELS DIFFERENT...



PORT OF NEW YORK
AND NEW JERSEY.





YOU MIGHT BE "THE UJIGAMI," BUT YOU'RE DEAD WRONG ABOUT EVERYTHING ELSE, I'M AFRAID!

SHE ISN'T OROKU KARAI.

AND YOU CERTAINLY AREN'T EITHER OF OUR DEATHS!

MRRREOW!

HIISSS!

KLANG

KLANG
KLANG
KLANG

NFF! IMPRESSIVE, UJIGAMI! YOU'VE HELD YOUR OWN AGAINST THE TWO OF US!

BUT HOW WILL YOU FARE, I WONDER...



...AGAINST ALL OF US?



KLANG



KRAK



RGG!

I KNOW IT'S YOU UNDERNEATH THAT RIDICULOUS MASK, OLD RAT! I SAW YOU RETURN FROM YOMI-NO-KUNI!*

AND NOW, I'M SENDING YOU BACK!

NO, KARAI--

*This happened at the end of TMNT #12!

EMPIRE
STATE
BUILDING.

"--I NEED
HIM ALIVE."



THIS MASK OF
YOURS...HOW DID
IT COME INTO YOUR
POSSESSION,
RAT?

THAT IS
NOT YOUR
BUSINESS.

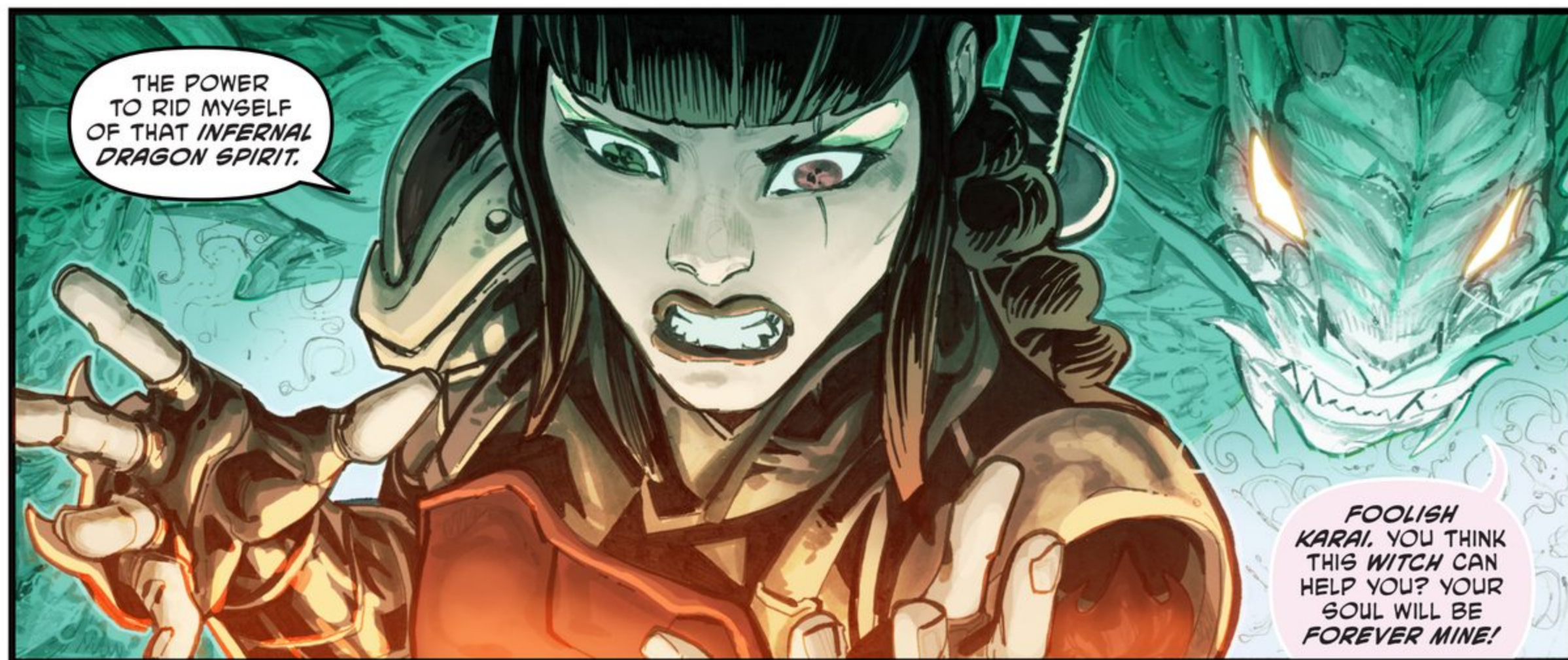


IT'S OF
MAGIC ORIGINS,
THAT MUCH IS
CERTAIN. NO, NOT
JUST MAGIC...
MYTHIC.

SOMEONE
VERY POWERFUL
FASHIONED IT
FROM YOUR
FEAR.

THEN WHY
THE HELL
WOULD YOU
BURN IT?!

SHHH. TRUST ME,
DEAR FRIEND. THIS IS WHY
YOU CALLED ME TO NEW
YORK! SOON, THE POWER
OF THE LAND OF THE
DEAD WILL BE YOURS!



THE POWER
TO RID MYSELF
OF THAT INFERNAL
DRAGON SPIRIT.

FOOLISH
KARAI. YOU THINK
THIS WITCH CAN
HELP YOU? YOUR
SOUL WILL BE
FOREVER MINE!



COLD
FEAR BURNS
WHITE HOT.



LAND OF
SOULS...LAND
OF POWER!



A
GATEWAY
OPENS!



TO WIDEN IT,
WE'RE GOING
TO NEED MORE
FEAR. WHAT IS
IT YOU'RE *TRULY*
AFRAID OF,
SPLINTER?

NOTHING YOU
CAN DO TO ME,
WITCH! I HAVE
ALREADY SEEN
THE *OTHER SIDE*
OF DEATH!



I'VE KNOWN THE
OLD RAT A LONG
TIME, SHINI. DEEP
DOWN, HE FEARS
WHAT *EVERY*
FATHER FEARS.

HE'S
AFRAID HE'S
FAILED HIS
CHILDREN.



IS THAT
SO? LET'S
SEE IF WE CAN
HELP THAT
ALONG, HM?

RCHH!



YOUR ENEMIES WILL
DESTROY YOUR
FAMILY!

YOUR
WRETCHEDNESS WILL
BE EXPOSED!

YOUR SONGS
WILL COME TO
HATE YOU!

THEY WILL
CURSE YOUR
NAME AS
THEY DIE!

NO...
NOOO!



KR000N

NOW
THAT'S
MORE LIKE
IT!

HA HA
HA HA!







<TELL ME,
WHAT SORT
OF ANIMAL
WAS I?>

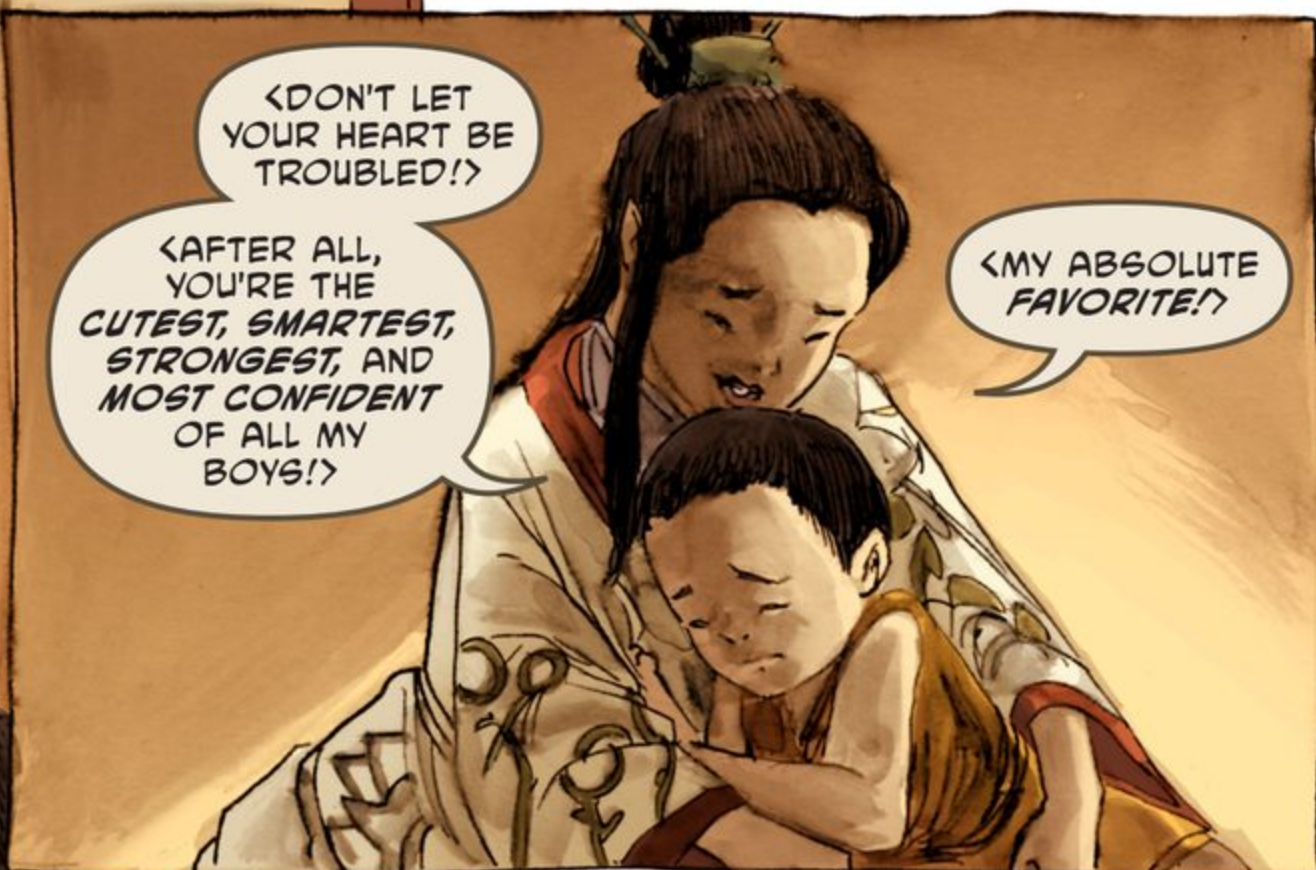
<WAIT, LET
ME GUESS!
A *HERON*,
PERHAPS,
OR A-->

<MOTHER!>



≡*SNIFF*≡
<YOU...WEREN'T
IN THE DREAM
AT ALL.>

<AW!
DON'T CRY,
MY DARLING!
I'M HERE
NOW!>



<DON'T LET
YOUR HEART BE
TROUBLED!>

<AFTER ALL,
YOU'RE THE
CUTEST, SMARTEST,
STRONGEST, AND
MOST CONFIDENT
OF ALL MY
BOYS!>

<MY ABSOLUTE
FAVORITE!>



HANG ON.
CUTEST? SURE.
FAVORITE?
OBVIOUSLY.

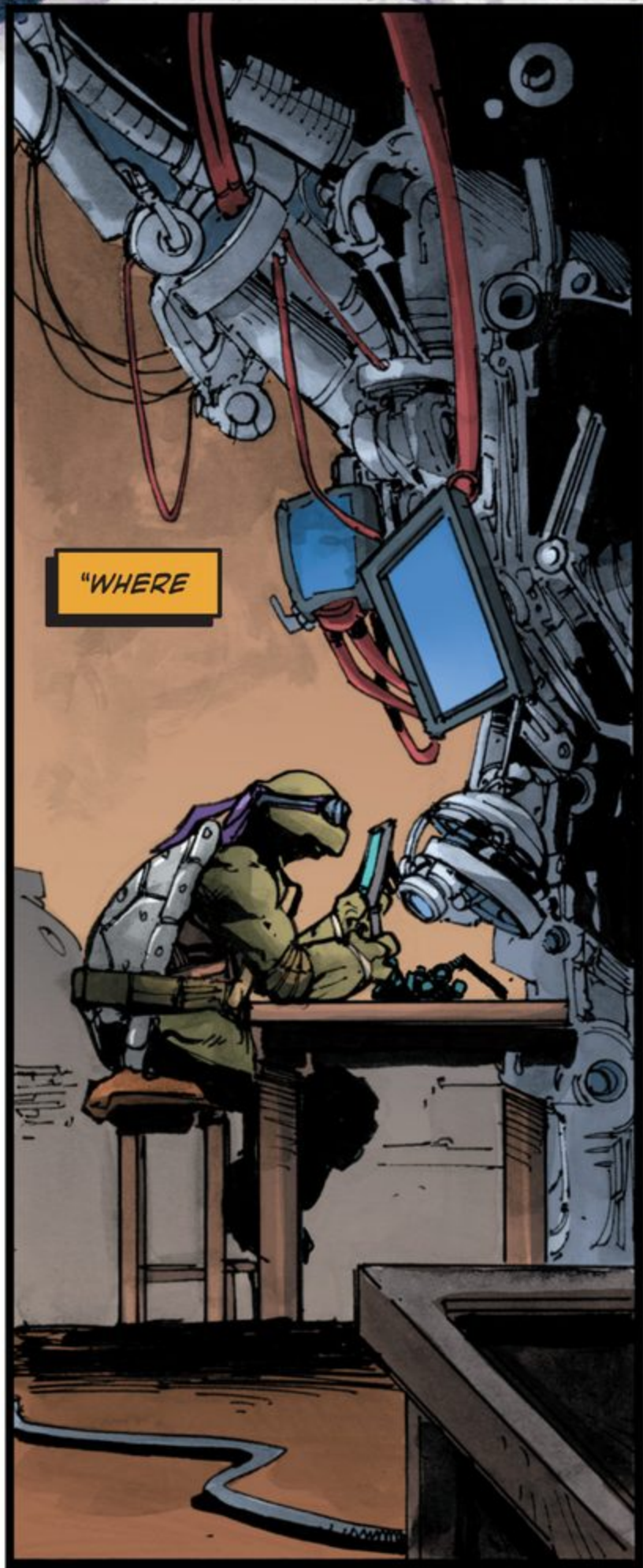
BUT SMARTEST,
STRONGEST, AND
MOST CONFIDENT?
THIS WOMAN IS
CLEARLY LYING
THROUGH HER
TEETH.

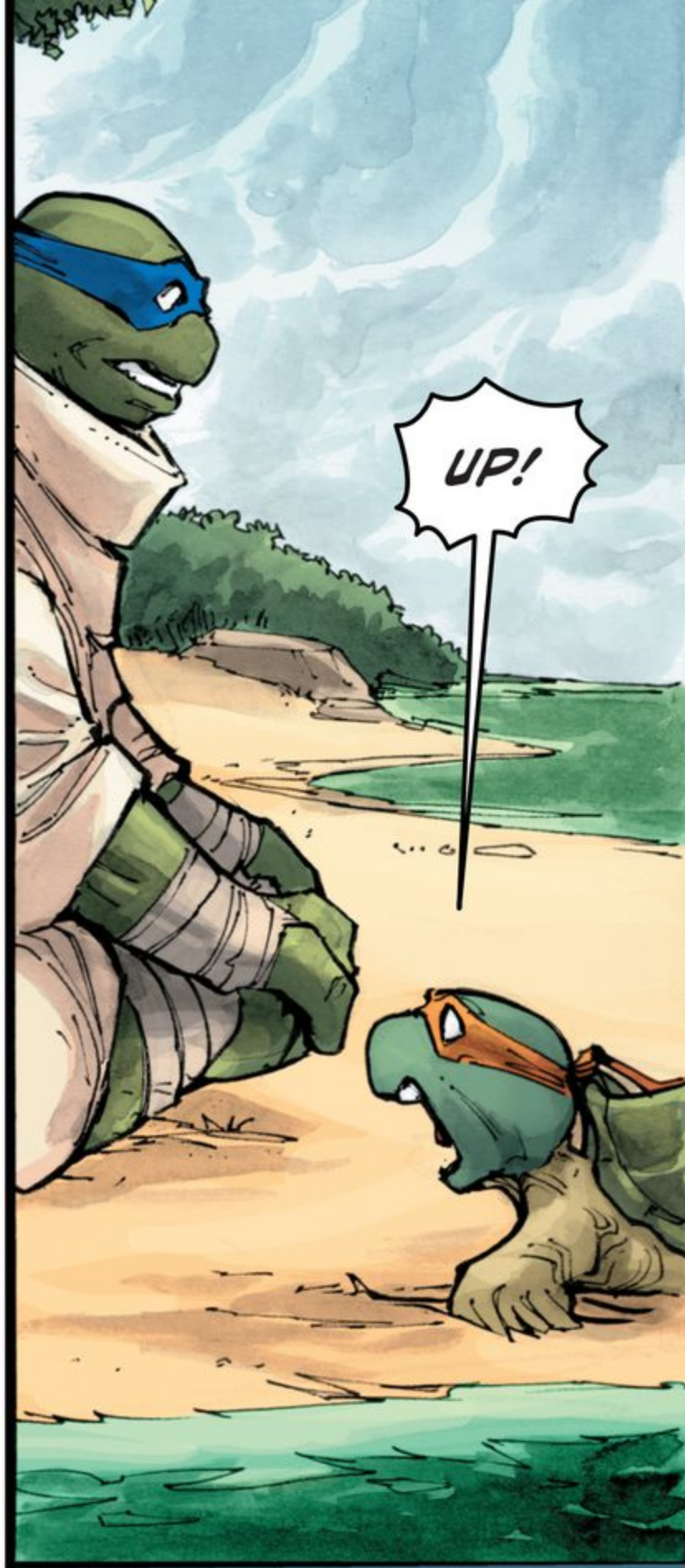
AND MY REAL
MOTHER LOVED
ME TOO MUCH
TO LIE TO ME.



MOTHER,
YOU...AREN'T
REAL.

ACTUALLY,
NONE OF
THIS...







...SO YOU FOUND YOURSELF IN JAPAN? LIKE IN YOUR MOVIE STAR DAYS?

NO, NO. IT WAS MORE LIKE *ANCIENT JAPAN*, FROM BEFORE WE EVER GOT *REINCARNATED* AS TURTLES. OUR WHOLE FAMILY WAS *HUMAN* AGAIN, AND EVERYTHING FELT...

...NATSUKASHII.*

**"Like a warm memory"--Ed.



UM, WHAT?

YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE OF US WHO REMEMBERS ANY *JAPANESE* FROM OUR PAST LIVES, MIKEY.

I KNOW.



SO, WHAT DO WE DO NOW? HOW DO WE FIND FATHER?

GUYS! UP THERE! THAT'S WEIRD, RIGHT?



IS THE TOP OF THE EMPIRE STATE BUILDING SUPPOSED TO BE *LIT UP* LIKE THAT? WE SHOULD PROBABLY GO CHECK IT OUT!

NOT A BAD IDEA, MIKEY. LET'S GO.



YOU MEAN IT'S A *GREAT* IDEA, LEO!

YEAH, SURE. IT'S A *PRETTY DECENT* IDEA.

AW, JUST ADMIT THAT IT'S *GREAT*!



TO BE CONTINUED...

NINJA TURTLES

EMPIRE STATE OF (A HYNPOTIZED) MIND!

What an issue! So many questions: What is this gateway opening high above New York City? Will Splinter ever get his very cool mask back? Will Raph ever look at Alopex the same way again? With their penultimate battle looming atop the Empire State Building, the stakes have quite literally never been higher for our Heroes in a Half-Shell! But that's enough from us—let's see what you all have to say...

Just wanted to drop a quick email to the TMNT team to say issue #13 was simply fantastic! The story was entertaining and is setting up what seems to be an amazing story coming our way. Really can't wait to see what Gene Luen Yang is cooking up for the future. Freddie E. Williams II's art is absolutely stunning! Some of my favorite artwork in TMNT in years, and Andrew Dalhouse's coloring brings it all together. Thanks for keeping a series that has meant a lot to me, and others, for decades exciting. Wish you all the best on this run and here's to many more amazing issues!

Jon DiBonaventura
Massachusetts

Jon! Thank you so much for the kind words. We're also loving what the team has been doing and have no plans to ever stop! Thanks for being a fan. We appreciate you!

I can't believe it! I wanted to believe it. I wished to believe it. As a lifelong fan of TMNT since I was a child in the '80s...I hoped the next run could match the quality of Jason Aaron's amazing work. You good people at IDW have pulled it off. I am not overstating this. Issue #13 was perfection. The artwork by Freddie E. Williams II was beautiful in every panel. Gene Luen Yang my goodness. You wrote the beginning of an epic. This was well thought out and you guys hit a home run. I can't wait for the next issue. You captured the unity the brothers have for each other again. The love for Splinter and wishing he was back with them. Oh boy and he sure is!!

My mind was freaking blown away when it was revealed at the end Splinter is the assassin. The greatest ally the Turtles ever had. What?!! The entire issue will surely go down as a classic. I'm strapped in for the Turtles ride of my life!!! This 43-year-old praises your creative efforts. The child inside me from the '80s thanks you for bringing back the magic. Cowabunga!!!

Chris Meadowcroft
Stafford, VA

And a friendly cowabunga right back to ya, Chris! Sorry to hear about your mind. We told Gene and Freddie to refrain from blowing minds too hard, but they just didn't listen to us. That reveal was wild. Given that we're two issues beyond that now, I hope your mind is still being blown a bit more with each page. Did you see Mikey's head on Alopex?! That definitely blew Raph's mind—he won't be able to sleep for months. Thanks for all the kind words. You rock!

I am really excited for this next chapter with our boys. I really liked Aaron and Ferreyra's work on the book and they will be missed but I'm excited to see where things go from here. This Splinter storyline seems pretty intriguing and I can't wait to get some answers. Did Splinter choose to not come back but was forced to by Karai or was he trying to come back but was taken by Karai by mistake? Or maybe even something else entirely? Either way, can't wait to see where things go next. Catch y'all next time.

Cason Jones
Sulphur Springs, Texas

Hello, Cason! Great name! Are you a big fan of hockey masks and kicking butt? We're not quite sure how to answer your question. We'd ask Master Splinter, but he's a bit tied up at the moment. We can circle back to that if the Turtles manage to save the day—but just know that you're asking all the right questions...

That's all for this week! We have to go schedule a therapy session for Raph to help him...wait, is this another hypno stone? Oh no, not again! GIVE YOUR FEAR TO MISTRESS SHINIGAMI!

—The Still Very Much
Hypnotized TMNT Editors

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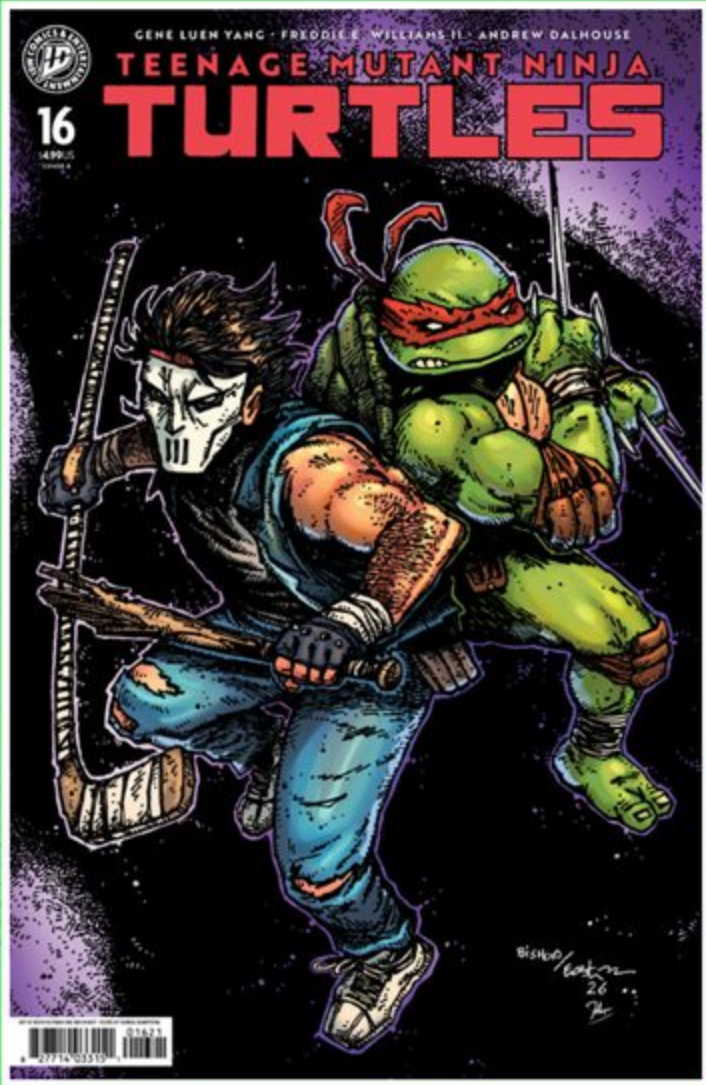


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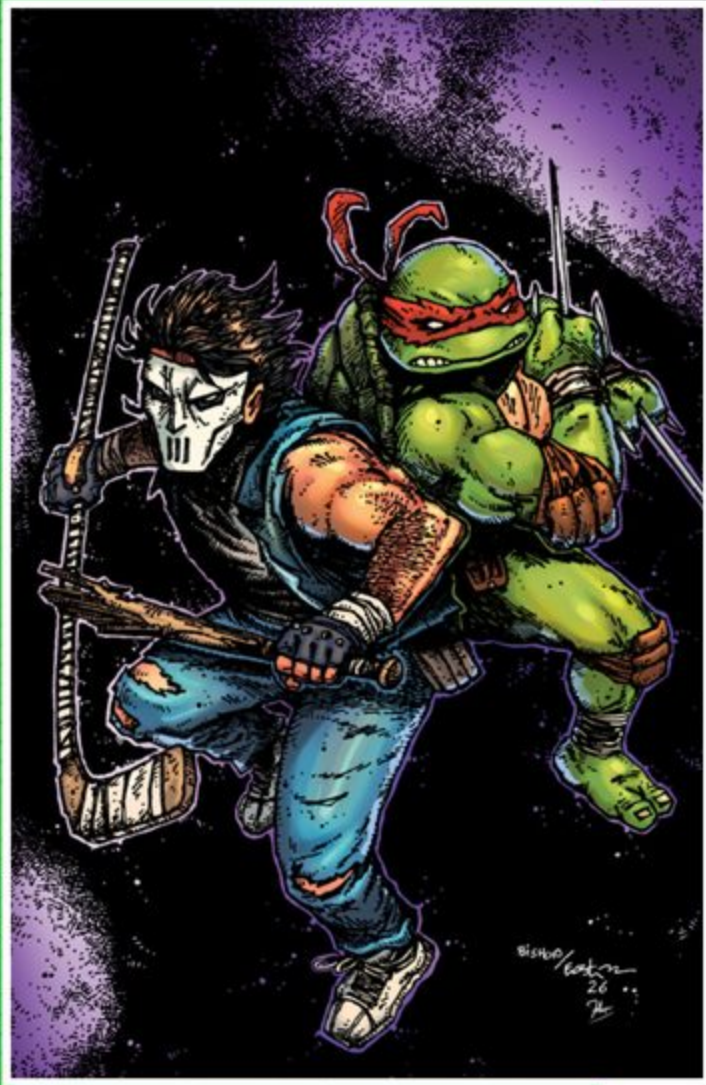
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THE CITY THEY LOVE JUST TURNED AGAINST THEM.

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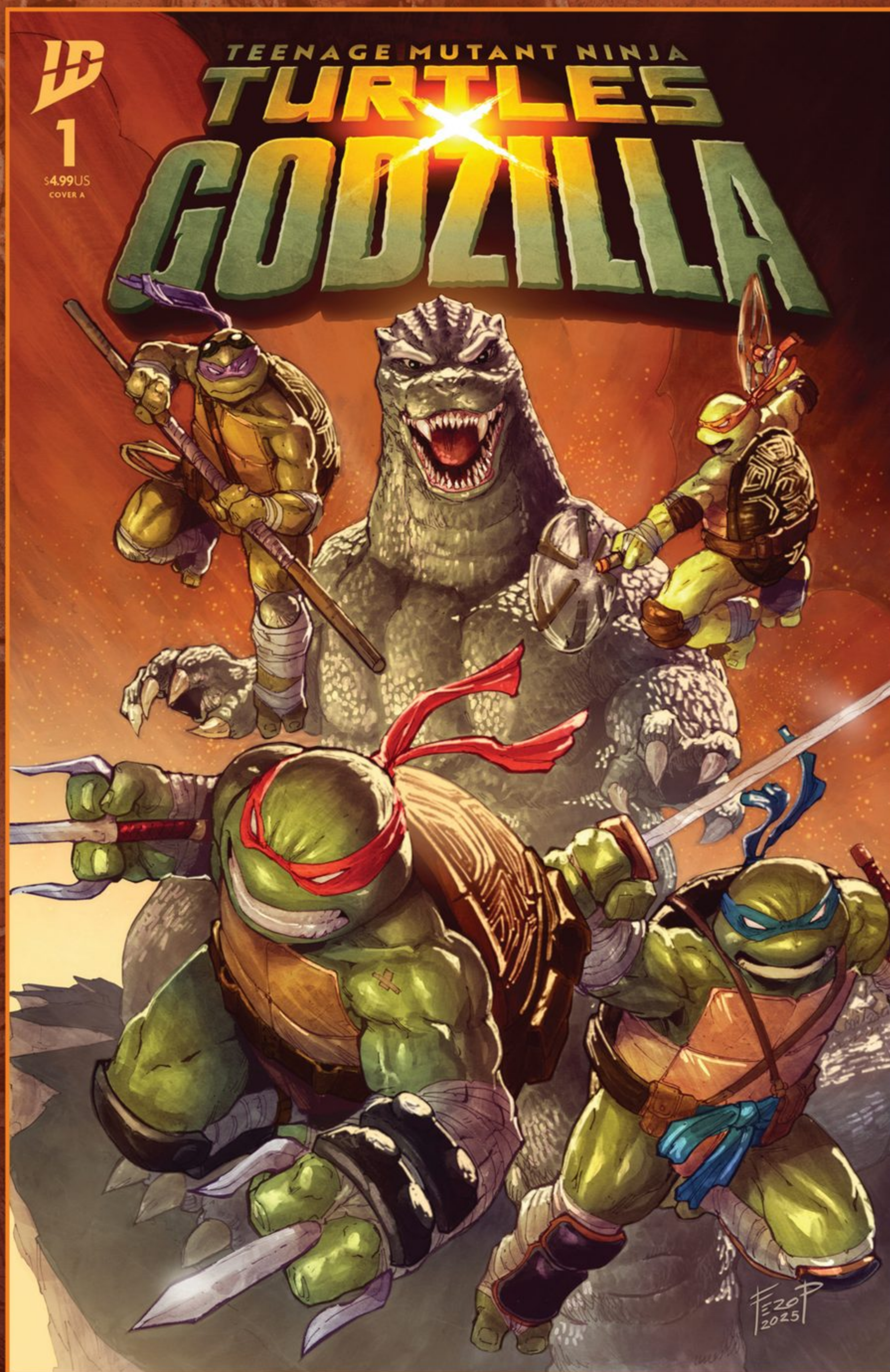
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